negotiations. The framework should cover not only market access issues but also provide a roadmap for resolution of outstanding implementation issues relating to the existing WTO agreements and the special and differential treatment issues on which there has been little progress since the adoption of the Doha Work Programme.

Free trade among SAARC countries

13. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMERCEAND
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the first week of January, 2004 SAARC countries have signed an agreement to allow free trade among the member-countries to eliminate trade barriers and bring down the tariffs;

(b) whether any time-frame has been fixed to operationalise the free trade;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) how India is going to safeguard its interests on sensitive items?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The SAARC member countries have signed the Agreement on South Asian Free Trade Area during the Twelfth SAARC Summit held in Islamabad, Pakistan on 6th January, 2004.

(b) and (c) As per the provisions of the Agreement, the Agreement shall enter into force on 1st January, 2006 upon completion of formalities, including ratification by all Contracting States and issuance of a notification thereof by the SAARC Secretariat.

(d) The sensitive items will be put in the Negative List of India on which no tariff concession will be extended.

Restoration and conservation of temple in Angkor region of Central Combodia

14. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is going to take up a five phase restoration and conservation of the Twelfth Century TA Prohin Temple in the Angkor region of Central Combodia;

(b) the likely time for completion of the project;

(c) whether similar requests have been received in his Ministry from any other countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAI PAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ten years.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Review of History text books of NCERT

15. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:

DR. T SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a three member panel of historians to make a quick review of the changes made in the History text books of NCERT by the previous Government for the current year's school syllabus;

(b) if so, whether this panel has already submitted its report; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when, the same would be made public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) An interim report has been submitted. The final report is expected to be submitted very soon.